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Application No. 09/282,471

REMARKS

Telephonic Interview

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Tran for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative, Len S. Smith, in conducting telephonic interviews on January 16, 2003 and January 23, 2003. During the interviews, possible claim amendments that would expedite allowance were discussed.

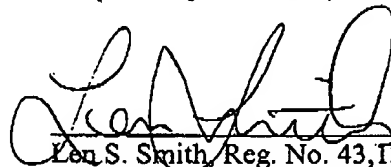
The Claims

The new claims reflect the proposed amendments discussed during the telephonic interviews of January 16 and January 23. All of the previously pending claims are cancelled, without prejudice, to expedite allowance of claims directed to particular aspects of Applicants' invention. The new claims are supported by the specification and originally filed claims, as discussed in the telephonic interviews, and, therefore, add no new matter. Because the amendment cancels all of the previously pending claims and adds a new set of claims, no marked-up sheet indicating changes to the claims is required.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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**AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION
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The paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 of the application is amended as follows:

Examples of some suitable surface modifiers include: (a) natural surfactants such as casein, gelatin, tragacanth, waxes, enteric resins, paraffin, acacia, gelatin, cholesterol esters and triglycerides, (b) nonionic surfactants such as polyoxyethylene fatty alcohol ethers, sorbitan fatty acid esters, polyoxyethylene fatty acid esters, sorbitan esters, glycerol monostearate, polyethylene glycols, cetyl alcohol, cetostearyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, poloxamers, polaxamines, methylcellulose, hydroxycellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose ~~hydroxy propylcellulose~~, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose ~~hydroxy propylmethylcellulose~~, noncrystalline cellulose, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinylpyrrolidone, and synthetic phospholipids, (c) anionic surfactants such as potassium laurate, triethanolamine stearate, sodium lauryl sulfate, alkyl polyoxyethylene sulfates, sodium alginate, dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate, negatively charged phospholipids (phosphatidyl glycerol, phosphatidyl inositol, phosphatidylserine, phosphatidic acid and their salts), and negatively charged glyceryl esters, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, and calcium carboxymethylcellulose, (d) cationic surfactants such as quaternary ammonium compounds, benzalkonium chloride, cetyltrimethylammonium bromide, chitosans and lauryldimethylbenzylammonium chloride, (e) colloidal clays such as bentonite and vecgum or a combination thereof. A detailed description of these surfactants may be found in Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Theory and Practice of Industrial Pharmacy, Lachman et al, 1986.

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